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AUSTRALIA

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FINLAND

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UNITED KINGDOM

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SWEDEN

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What is claimed:

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1. An albumin fusion protein comprising a Therapeutic protein:X and albumin comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18.

- 5 2. An albumin fusion protein comprising a Therapeutic protein:X and a fragment or a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18, wherein said fragment or variant has albumin activity.
- 3. The albumin fusion protein of claim 2, wherein said albumin activity is the ability to prolong the shelf life of the Therapeutic protein:X compared to the shelf-life of the Therapeutic protein:X in an unfused state.
 - 4. The albumin fusion protein of claim 2, wherein the fragment or variant comprises the amino acid sequence of amino acids 1-387 of SEQ ID NO:18.
 - 5. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-4, wherein said Therapeutic protein:X comprises IL-2.
- 6. An albumin fusion protein comprising a fragment or variant of a Therapeutic protein:X, and albumin comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18, wherein said fragment or variant has a biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X.
 - 7. The albumin fusion protein of claim 6, wherein said Therapeutic protein:X comprises IL-2, and wherein said fragment or variant has T cell proliferative activity or T cell activitation activity.
 - 8. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-4 or 6, wherein said

 Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, comprises a protein selected from the

group consisting of:

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- (a) calcitonin;
- (b) growth hormone releasing factor;
- (c) IL-2 fusion protein;
- (d) insulin-like growth factor-1;
- (e) interferon beta; and
- (f) parathyroid hormone.
- 9. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-8, wherein the

 10 Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, is fused to the N-terminus of albumin,
 or the N-terminus of the fragment or variant of albumin.
- The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-8, wherein the
 Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, is fused to the C-terminus of albumin,
 or the C-terminus of the fragment or variant of albumin.
 - 11. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-8, wherein the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, is fused to the N- terminus and C-terminus of albumin, or the N-terminus and the C-terminus of the fragment or variant of albumin.
 - 12. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-8, which comprises a first Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, and a second Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, wherein said first Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, is different from said second Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof.
 - 13. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-11, wherein the

Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, is separated from the albumin or the fragment or variant of albumin by a linker.

14. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-11, wherein the albumin
5 fusion protein has the following formula:

R1-L-R2; R2-L-R1; or R1-L-R2-L-R1,

wherein R1 is Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, L is a peptide linker, and R2 is albumin comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 or fragment or variant of albumin.

- 15. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-14, wherein the shelf-life of the albumin fusion protein is greater than the shelf-life of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, in an unfused state.
- 16. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-14, wherein the in vitro biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, fused to albumin, or fragment or variant thereof, is greater than the in vitro biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, in an unfused state.
- 20 17. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-14, wherein the in vivo biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, fused to albumin, or fragment or variant thereof, is greater than the in vivo biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, in an unfused state.
- 25 18. An albumin fusion protein comprising a Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, inserted into an albumin comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 or fragment or variant thereof.

19. An albumin fusion protein comprising a Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, inserted into an albumin comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids 54 to 61 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (b) amino acids 76 to 89 of SEQ ID NO:18;

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- (c) amino acids 92 to 100 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (d) amino acids 170 to 176 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (e) amino acids 247 to 252 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (f) amino acids 266 to 277 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (g) amino acids 280 to 288 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (h) amino acids 362 to 368 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (i) amino acids 439 to 447 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (j) amino acids 462 to 475 of SEQ ID NO:18;
- (k) amino acids 478 to 486 of SEQ ID NO:18; and
- 15 (I) amino acids 560 to 566 of SEQ ID NO:18.
 - 20. The albumin fusion protein of claims 18 or 19, wherein said albumin fusion protein comprises a portion of albumin sufficient to prolong the shelf-life of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, as compared to the shelf-life of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, in an unfused state.
 - 21. The albumin fusion protein of claims 18 or 19, wherein said albumin fusion protein comprises a portion of albumin sufficient to prolong the in vitro biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, fused to albumin as compared to the in vitro biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, in an unfused state.
 - 22. The albumin fusion protein of claims 18 or 19 wherein said albumin fusion

protein comprises a portion of albumin sufficient to prolong the in vivo biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, fused to albumin compared to the in vivo biological activity of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, in an unfused state.

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- 23. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-22, which is non-glycosylated.
- 24. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-22, which is expressed in 10 yeast.
 - 25. The albumin fusion protein of claim 24, wherein the yeast is glycosylation deficient.
- 15 26. The albumin fusion protein of claim 24 wherein the yeast is glycosylation and protease deficient.
 - 27. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-22, which is expressed by a mammalian cell.

- 28. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-22, wherein the albumin fusion protein is expressed by a mammalian cell in culture.
- 29. The albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-22, wherein the albumin fusion protein further comprises a secretion leader sequence.
 - 30. A composition comprising the albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-29 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- 31. A kit comprising the composition of claim 30.
- 32. A method of treating a disease or disorder in a patient, comprising the step of administering the albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-29.
 - 33. The method of claim 32, wherein the disease or disorder comprises indication:Y.
- 34. The method of claim 33, wherein the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, comprises IL-2 and the disease or disorder is selected from the group consisting of: metastatic renal cell carcinoma; metastatic melanoma; malignant melanoma; renal cell carcinoma; HIV infection; inflammatory bowel disorder; Kaposi's sarcoma; leukaemia; multiple sclerosis; rheumatoid arthritis; transplant rejection; type 1 diabetes mellitus; lung cancer; acute myeloid leukaemia; hepatitis C; non-hodgkin's lymphoma; and ovarian cancer.
- 35. A method of treating a patient with a disease or disorder that is modulated by Therapeutic protein:X, comprising the step of administering an effective amount of the albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-29.
 - 36. The method of claim 35, wherein the disease or disorder is indication: Y.
- 37. The method of claim 36, wherein the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, is IL-2 and the disease or disorder is selected from the group consisting of: metastatic renal cell carcinoma; metastatic melanoma; malignant melanoma; renal cell carcinoma; HIV infection; inflammatory bowel disorder; Kaposi's sarcoma; leukaemia; multiple sclerosis; rheumatoid arthritis; transplant rejection; type 1 diabetes mellitus; lung

cancer; acute myeloid leukaemia; hepatitis C; non-hodgkin's lymphoma; and ovarian cancer.

38. A method of extending the shelf life of Therapeutic protein:X comprising the step of fusing the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, to albumin or a fragment or variant thereof of albumin sufficient to extend the shelf-life of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, compared to the shelf-life of the Therapeutic protein:X, or fragment or variant thereof, in an unfused state.

- 39. A nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence encoding the albumin fusion protein of any one of claims 1-29.
 - 40. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 39.
 - 41. A host cell comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 39.

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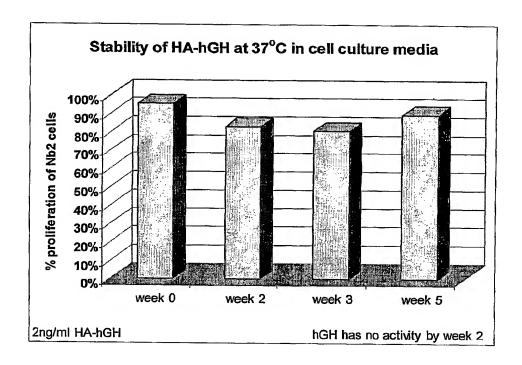


Figure 1

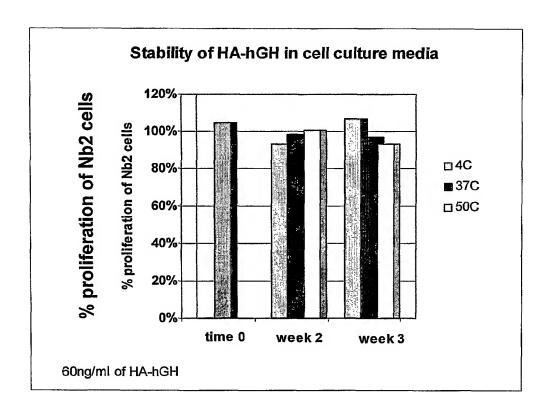


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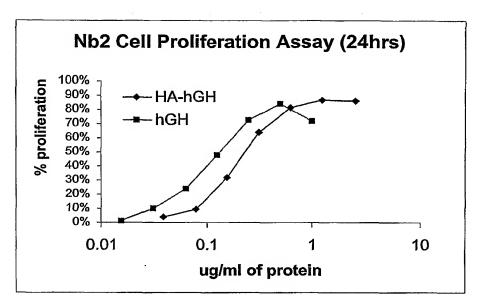


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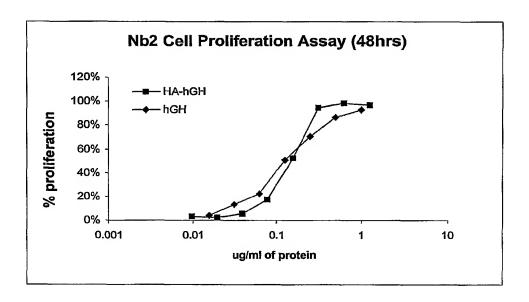


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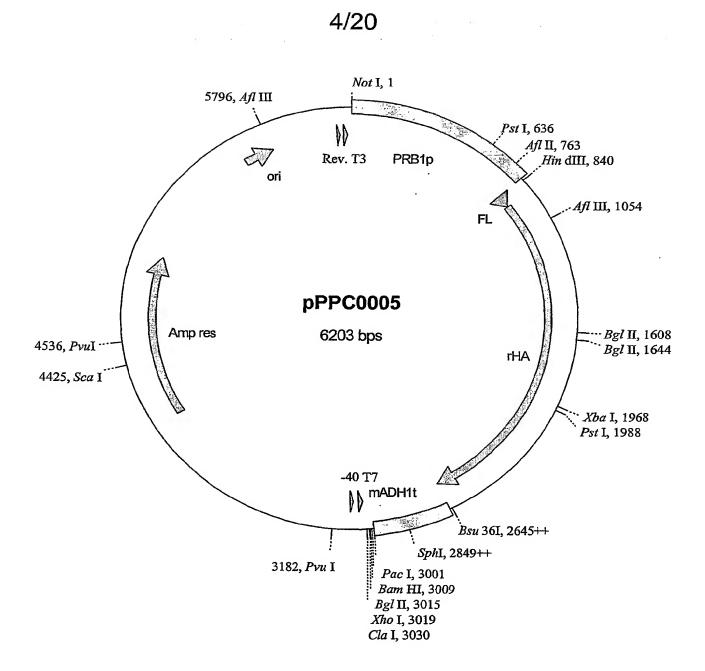


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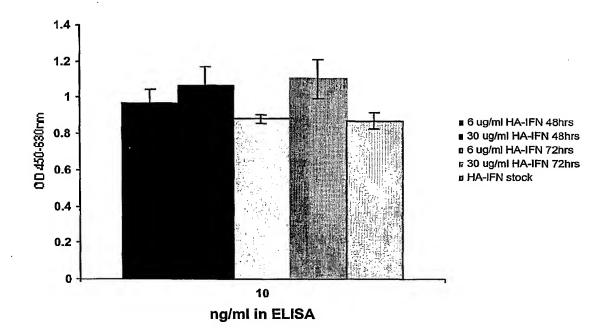
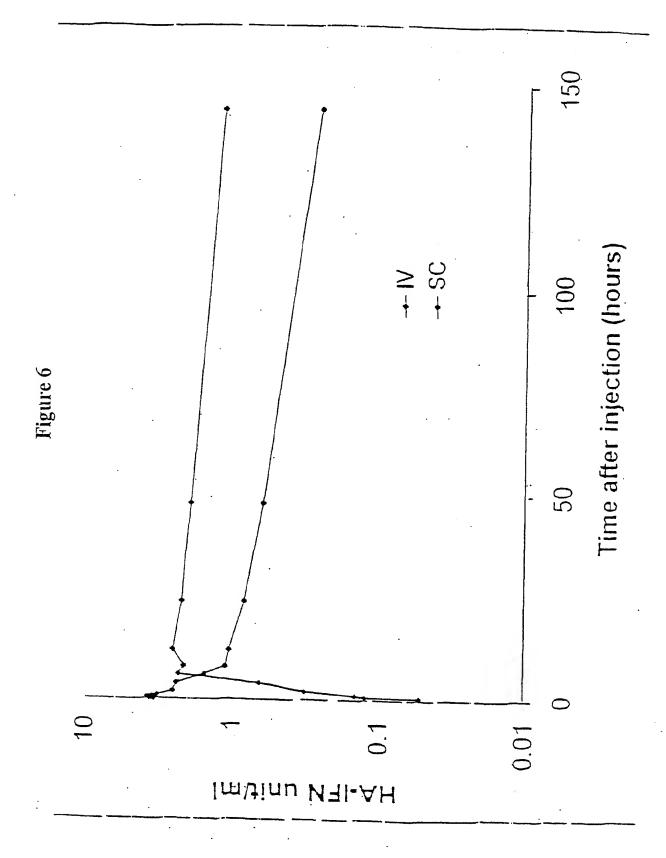
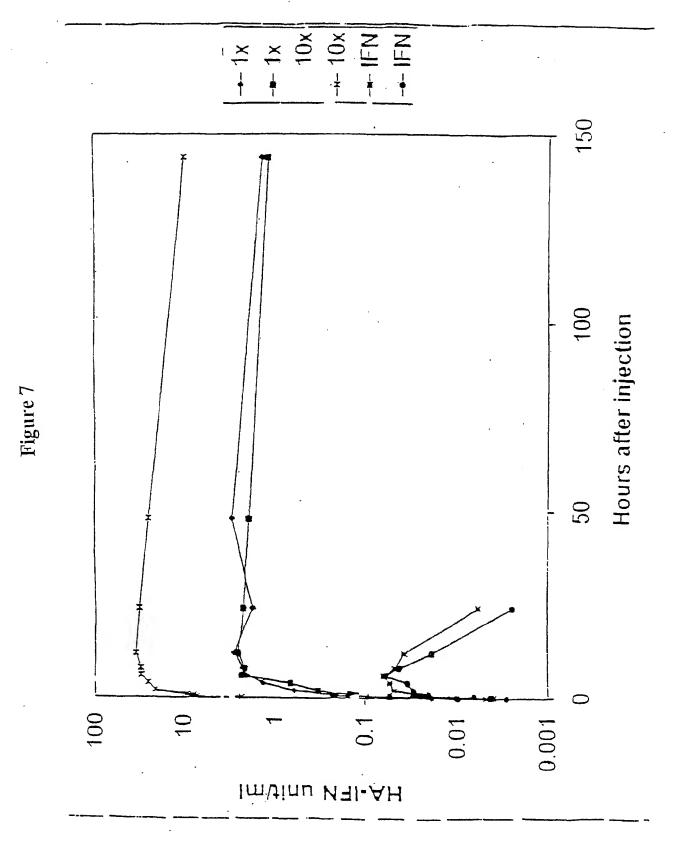


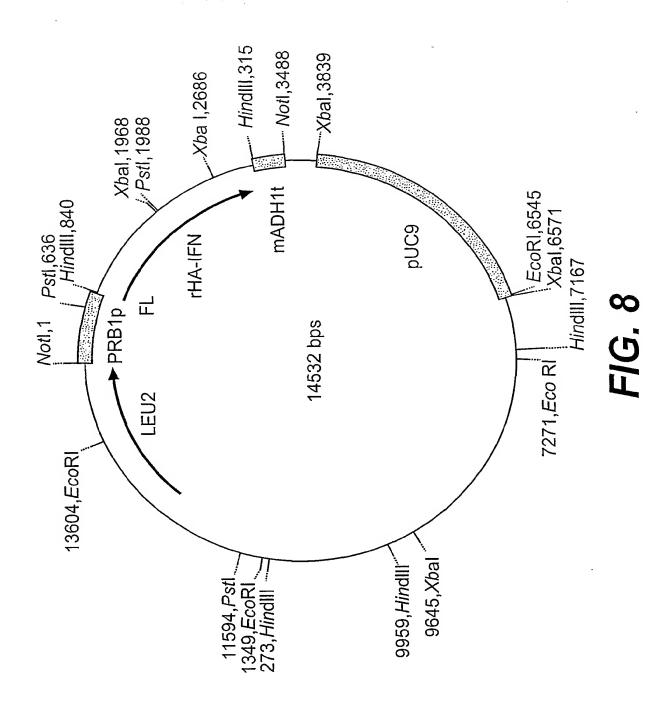
Figure 5



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<u>Localisation of 'Loops' based on the HA Crystal Structure</u> which could be used for Mutation/Insertion

| 1 | | FKDLGEENFK HHH HHH | | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| | I | | | ** | T | | | |
| 51 | - | NCDKSLHTLF HHHHH | GDKLC TVATL HHHHH | RETYGEMADC HHHH | | | | |
| 101 | CFLQHKDDNP HHHH | NLPRLVRPEV H | DVMCTAFHDN HHHHHHHH | ЕЕТГЬККҮЬҮ НИННИНИНИ | EIARRHPYFY HHHHH | | | |
| | | | IV | | | | | |
| 151 | APELLFFAKR ННИННИННИН | ҮКААГТЕСС <u>О</u> ННИНИННИН | AADKAACLLP | | | | | |
| | | | | | V | | | |
| 201 | | FKAWAVARLS ННННННННН | | | | | | |
| | | ν | т | VII | | | | |
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| 231 | нниннинни | | | НИННИН | | | | |
| 301 | DLPSLAADFV HHHH | ESKDVCKNYA HHHHHH | | LYEYARRHPD HHHHHH | | | | |
| | | VIII | | | | | | |
| 351 | КТҮЕТТЬЕКС НИНИНИННИИ | CAAADPHECY | | VEEPQNLIKQ HHHHHHHHH | | | | |
| | | | | | IX | | | |
| 401 | YKFQNALLVR | YTKKVPQVST | PTLVEVSRNL | GKVGSKCC KH | PEAKRMPCAE | | | |
| | ннннннннн | нннн н | ннннинннн | ннн | нининнин | | | |
| | | x | | ХI | | | | |
| 451 | DYLSVVLNOT | CVLHERTPVS | DRVTKCCTES | TANBREPORES | A LEVDETYVPK | | | |
| | ннининнин | ннин | ннининни | нннннн | H | | | |
| 501 | EFNAETFTFH | ADICTLSEKE HHH HHH | RQIKKQTALV HHHHMMEHHH | ELVKHKPKAT HHH | KEQLKAVMDD HHHHHHHH | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | XII | | | | | | |
| 551 | FAAFVEKCC <u>K</u> НННННННН | ADDKETCFAE HHHH | EGKKLVAASQ ННИННИННИН | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Loop | | Loop | | | | | |
| | - | 54-Asn61 | VII | Glu280-His | 288 | | | |
| | | 76-Asp89 | VIII | Ala362-Glu | | | | |
| | | 92-Glu100 | IX | Lys439-Pro | | | | |
| | | 170-Ala176 | X | Val462-Lys | | | | |
| | | 247-Glu252 | XI | Thr478-Pro | | | | |
| | VI Glu | 266-Glu277 | XII | | | | | |

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Examples of Modifications to Loop IV

a. Randomisation of Loop IV.

IV

IV

X represents the mutation of the natural amino acid to any other amino acid. One, more or all of the amino acids can be changed in this manner. This figure indicates all the residues have been changed.

b. Insertion (or replacement) of Randomised sequence into Loop IV.



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The insertion can be at any point on the loop and the length a length where n would typically be 6, 8, 12, 20 or 25.

Figure 10

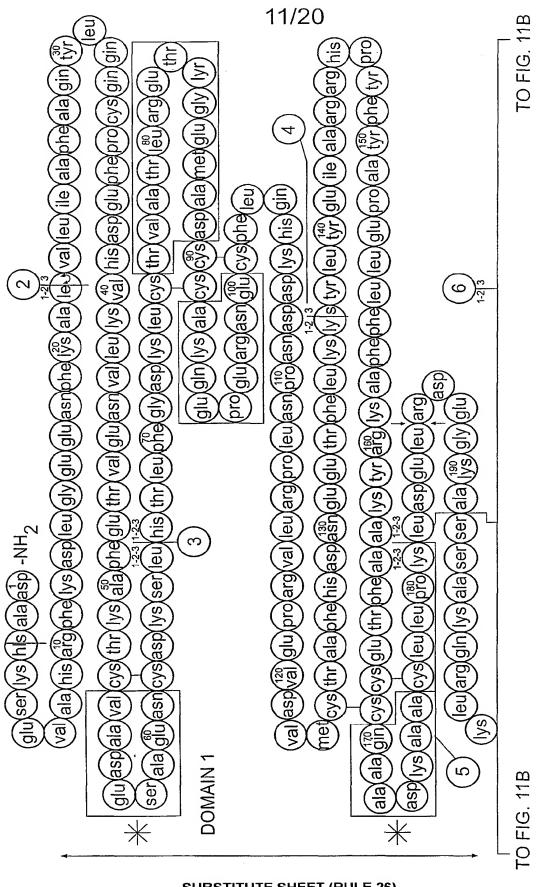
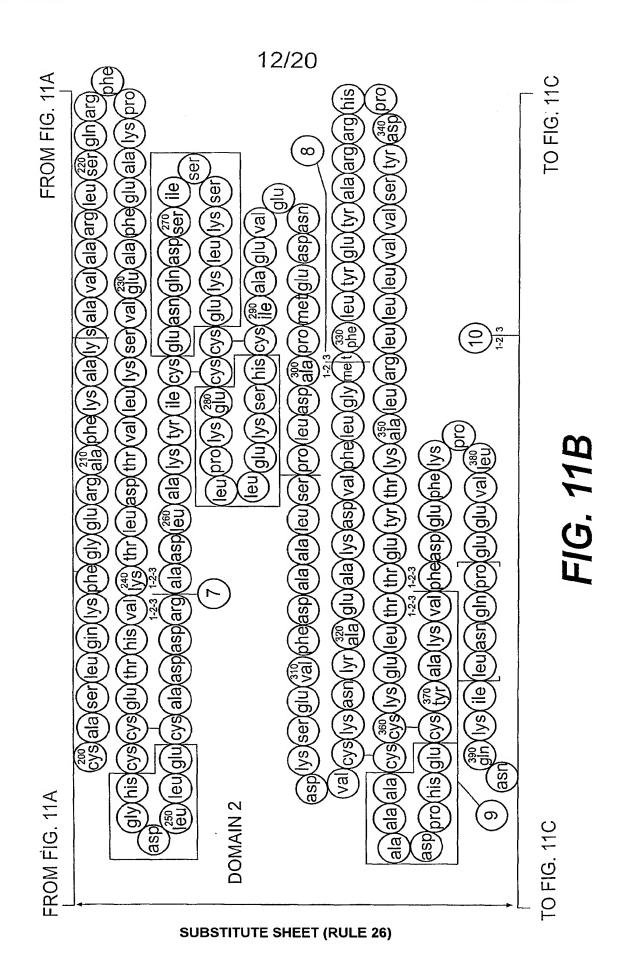


FIG. 11A



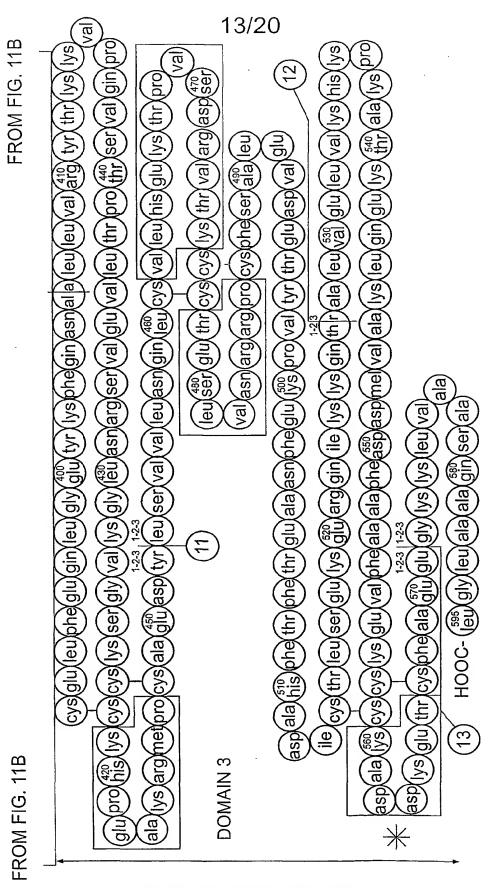
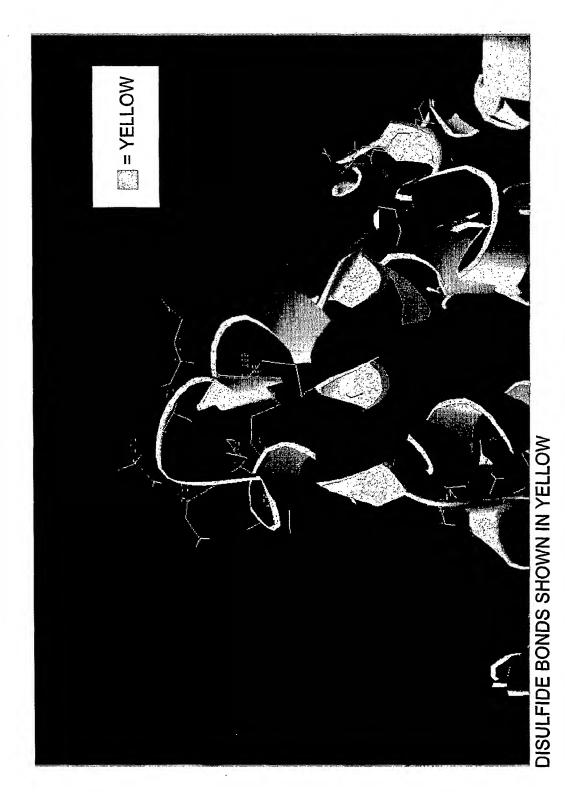


FIG. 11C



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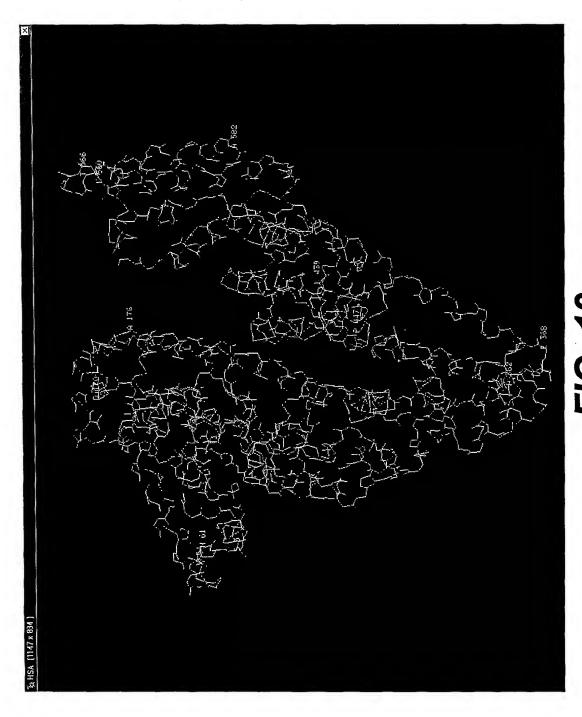
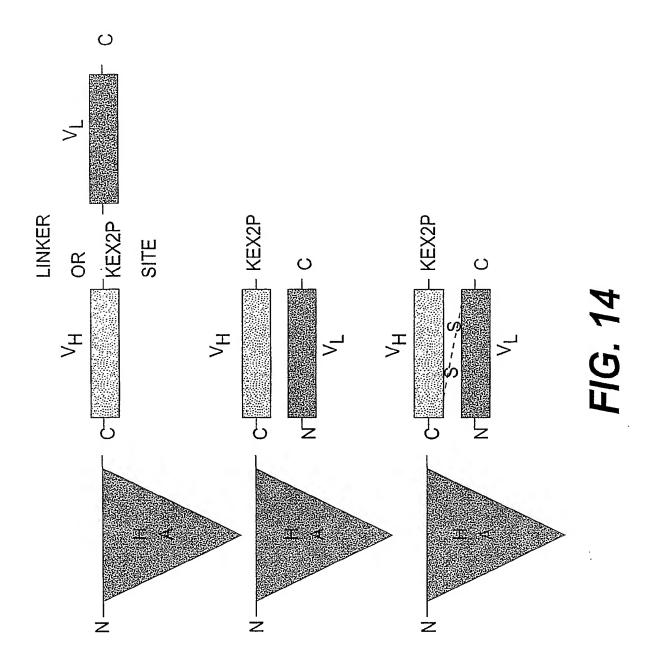


FIG. 13 ERTIARY STRUCTURE OF HA

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| 60 20 | 120 40 | 0.00 | 240 80 | 300 | 360 120 | 420 140 | 480 160 |
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| | • 4. | GAA 180 E '60 | | | . E | . T. | · 55 |
| AAA K | G. < | E E | 5 H | G E | ნ. > | H Y | A M |
| TTC F | CAT GTA H V | GCT A | ACT | AAT N | GAG | TTA L | AAA K |
| AAT N | GAT D | TCA GCT (S | TTA TGC ACA GTT GCA ACT CTT L C T V A T L | ATG GCT GAC TGT GCA AAA CAA GAA CCT GAG AGA AAT GAA M A D C C A K Q E P E R N E | CCA GAG GTT | TAC TTA TAT Y L Y | GCT AAA AGG A K R |
| GAA E | GAA E | GAG E | GTT V | GAG E | AGA R | AAA K | TTT F |
| GGA GAA GAA G E E | CCA TTT (| GCT GAT GAG 1 | ACA T | CCT | GTG V | AAA K | TTC |
| GGA | CCA P | GCT | TGC | GAA E | TTG L | ${ m TTG}$ | CTT L |
| TTG | TGT | GTT V | · TTA L | CAA O | · CGA R | · TTT F | · CTC L |
| GAT D | ?AG | TGT C | AAA K | aaa K | | ACA T | GAA E |
| ААА К | CAG Q | ACA T | GAC D | GCA A | CTC L | GAG E | CCG P |
| TTT F | $_{\rm L}^{\rm CTT}$ | AAA K | GGA G | TGT C | AAC N | GAA E | GCC |
| AAG AGT GAT GCT CAT CGG TTT AAA GAT TTG K S E V A H R F K D L | TAT CTT CAG (Y L Q (| GCA AAA ACA TGT A K T C | TCA CTT CAT ACC CTT TTT GGA GAC AAA S L H T L F·G D K | TGC C | CAA CAC AAA GAT GAC AAC CTC CCC CGA TTG GTG AGA Q H K D D N P N L P R L V R | TGC ACT GCT TTT CAT GAC AAT GAA GAG ACA TTT TTG AAA AAA C T A F H D N E E T F L K K | TAT Y |
| CAT H | GCT CAG | GAA TTT G E F | CTT L | GAC. D | AAC N | GAC | TTT F |
| GCT A | GCT A | GAA E | ACC T | GCT A | gac [.] D | CAT H | TAC Y |
| GTT V | TTT F | ACT T | CAT H | ATG M | GAT. D | TTT F | CCT P |
| GAG E | GCC A | GTA V | CTT | GAA E | aaa K | GCT | CAT H |
| AGT | TTG ATT C L I I | gaa e | TCA S | TAT GGT GAA I Y G E N | CAC H | ACT | aga R |
| AAG K | $ _{\rm L}^{\cdot}$ | AAT N | AAA K | TAT Y | CAA Q | TGC C | Aga R |
| CAC H | GTG V | GTG V | GAC D | ACC T | TTG L | ATG M | GCC A |
| GCA CAC A H | ${\rm TTG}_{\rm L}$ | TTA L | TGT C | GAA ACC E T | TTC F | GTG V | ATT I |
| 1 GAT | GCC | AAA K. | AAT N | CGT R | TGC | GAT D | GAA ATT GCC AGA AGA CAT CCT TAC TIT TAT GCC CCG GAA CTC CTT TTC TITE E I A R R H P Y F Y A P E L L F F F |
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| | | | | | • | | |

Figure 15A

| 540 180 | 600 | 660 220 | 720 | 780 260 | 840 280 | 300 | 960 320 |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| CCA P | TGT C | AGC S | AAA K | CTT L | GAA E | GCT A | GCT A |
| TTG L | aaa K | CTG AGC | ACC AAA T | GAC D | rgr C | CCT GCT P A | TAT Y |
| CTG L | CTC L | CGC R | LL | GCG A | GAA TGC E | ATG M | GCT GAT TTT GTT GAA AGT AAG GAT GTT TGC AAA AAC TAT GCT A D F V E S K D V C K N Y A |
| TGC | 4GA 3 | GCT A | GAT D | AGG R | Gaa E | GAG E | AAA K |
| CAA GCT GCT GAT AAA GCT GCC Q A A D K A A | AAA CAG 1 K Q 1 | GCA GTG C | ACA GAT (T D 1 | GAC AGG | AGT AAA CTG AAG S K L K | GAT | TGC |
| GCT A | AAA K | GCA A | GTG V | GAT D | CTG L | AAT N | GTT V |
| AAA K | GCC A | AAA GCA TGG C | AAG TTA GTG A K L V T | GCT GAT A D | AAA K | ATT GCC GAA GTG GAA I A E V E | GAT D |
| GAT D | TCT | GCA A | AAG K | TGT C | AGT S | GTG V | aag K |
| GCT A | TCG | AAA K | ည | GAA TGT (E C | TCC | GAA E | AGT S |
| GCT A | CGG GAT GAA GGG AAG GCT R D E G K A | . AGA GCT TTC P | GCA GAA GTT T A E V S | CAT GGA GAT CTG CTT H G D L L | AAT CAG GAT TCG ATC N Q D S I | GCC A | GAA E |
| CAA Q | AAG K | GCT A | GAA E | CTG L | TCG S | ATT I | GTT V |
| TGC | 999 8 | AGA R | GCA A | GAT D | GAT D | TGC | TTT F |
| GCT TTT ACA GAA TGT TGC A F T E C C | gaa E | GGA GAA I | GAG TTT (E | GGA G | CAG Q | TCC CAC TGC 1 | GAT D |
| GAA E | GAT D | GGA G | GAG E | CAT H | AAT N | TCC S | GCT A |
| ACA T | CGG R | CAA AAA TTT (Q K F 0 | AAA GCT K | TGC | ATC TGT GAA I I C E I | TTG GAA AAA 7 L E K 6 | GAC TTG CCT TCA TTA GCT D L P S L A |
| TTT F | GAA CTT E | AAA K | aaa K | GAA TGC 'E C | rGT c | GAA E | TTA L |
| GCT A | GAA E· | · CAA Q | و ا | GAA E | ATC I | TTG L | TCA S |
| AAA GCT K | GAT D | CTC L | TTT F | ACG T | TAT Y | CTG | CCT |
| aaa K | CTC L· | AGT S | aga R | CAC H | AAG K | CCT | ${ m TTG}$ |
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INDICATIONS RELATING TO A DEPOSITED MICROORGANISM OR OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

| | (PCT Rule 13bis) | | |
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| A. The indications made below relate to the depodescription on page 37, line 14. | osited microorganism or other biological material referred to in the | | |
| B. IDENTIFICATION OF DEPOSIT | Further deposits are identified on an additional sheet | | |
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| Address of depositary institution (includit 10801 University Boulevard Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 United States of America | ng postal code and country) | | |
| Oate of deposit Accession Number | | | |
| 11 April 2001 | PTA-3279 | | |
| C. ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS (leave blank | if not applicable) This information is continued on an additional sheet. | | |
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| D. DESIGNATED STATES FOR WHICH IN | DICATIONS ARE MADE (if the indications are not for all designated States) | | |
| land the population of the mention of the disut of the | n Patent is sought a sample of the deposited incroorganism will be made available the European patent or until the date on which the application has been refused or e issue of such a sample to an expert nominated by the person requesting the Continued on additional sheets | | |
| E. SEPARATE FURNISHING OF INDICATION | ONS (leave blank of not applicable) | | |
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CANADA

The applicant requests that, until either a Canadian patent has been issued on the basis of an application or the application has been refused, or is abandoned and no longer subject to reinstatement, or is withdrawn, the Commissioner of Patents only authorizes the furnishing of a sample of the deposited biological material referred to in the application to an independent expert nominated by the Commissioner, the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application.

NORWAY

The applicant hereby requests that the application has been laid open to public inspection (by the Norwegian Patent Office), or has been finally decided upon by the Norwegian Patent Office without having been laid open inspection, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Norwegian Patent Office not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Sections 22 and 33(3) of the Norwegian Patents Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be any person entered on the list of recognized experts drawn up by the Norwegian Patent Office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.

AUSTRALIA

The applicant hereby gives notice that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be effected prior to the grant of a patent, or prior to the lapsing, refusal or withdrawal of the application, to a person who is a skilled addressee without an interest in the invention (Regulation 3.25(3) of the Australian Patents Regulations).

FINLAND

The applicant hereby requests that, until the application has been laid open to public inspection (by the National Board of Patents and Regulations), or has been finally decided upon by the National Board of Patents and Registration without having been laid open to public inspection, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art.

UNITED KINGDOM

The applicant hereby requests that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be made available to an expert. The request to this effect must be filed by the applicant with the International Bureau before the completion of the technical preparations for the international publication of the application.

DENMARK

The applicant hereby requests that, until the application has been laid open to public inspection (by the Danish Patent Office), or has been finally decided upon by the Danish Patent office without having been laid open to public inspection, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Danish Patent Office not later that at the time when the application is made available to the public under Sections 22 and 33(3) of the Danish Patents Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be any person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Danish Patent Office or any person by the applicant in the individual case.

SWEDEN

The applicant hereby requests that, until the application has been laid open to public inspection (by the Swedish Patent Office), or has been finally decided upon by the Swedish Patent Office without having been laid open to public inspection, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date (preferably on the Form PCT/RO/134 reproduced in annex Z of Volume I of the PCT Applicant's Guide). If such a request has been filed by the applicant any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be any person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Swedish Patent Office or any person approved by a applicant in the individual case.

NETHERLANDS

The applicant hereby requests that until the date of a grant of a Netherlands patent or until the date on which the application is refused or withdrawn or lapsed, the microorganism shall be made available as provided in the 31F(1) of the Patent Rules only by the issue of a sample to an expert. The request to this effect must be furnished by the applicant with the Netherlands Industrial Property Office before the date on which the application is made available to the public under Section 22C or Section 25 of the Patents Act of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, whichever of the two dates occurs earlier.

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| A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC(7): C07K 1/00; A01N 37/18 US CL: 530/350; 514/2 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC | | | |
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| B. FIELDS SEARCHED | | | |
| Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed | d by classification symbols) | | |
| U.S. : 530/350; 514/2 | | | |
| Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the | extent that such documents are included i | n the fields searched | |
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| Electronic data base consulted during the international search (na | ame of data base and, where practicable, | search terms used) | |
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| C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT | | | |
| Category* Citation of document, with indication, where ap | opropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. | |
| X WO 93/15199 A1 (RHONE-POULEN 1993, see abstract; Fig. 1, page ,3 lin | 1-4, 6, 8, 18, 20- 22, 38 | | |
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| WO 93/15211 A1 (RHONE-POULENC RORER S.A.) 05 August 1993, see abstract, Fig. 1, and enclosed sequence alignment. | | 1-4, 6, 8, 18, 20- 22, 38 | |
| Y | | | |
| Y WO 96/18412 A1 (BETH ISRAEL HO June 1996, See abstract, page 8, lines 1 lines 21 and 22. | • | 1-8, 18-22, 38 | |
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| X Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C | See patent family annex. | | |
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| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant | ant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
| X Y | YEH et al. Design of yeast-secreted albumin derivative human therapy. Prc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA. March 1992 pages 1904-1908, see entire document, especially abstra 1905, column 1, lines 14-17 and Fig. 1, panel A, and proolumn 1, lines 13-15 of first full paragraph. | 2. Vol. 69, act, page | 1-4, 6, 8, 18, 20- 22, 38 5, 7, 18-22 |
| Y | Database MEDLINE, Accession No. 1999248670, LEE Preparation and characterization of polyethylene-glycolsalmon calcitonins. Pharm. Dev. Tech. May 1999. Vopages 269-275, abstract only. | -modified | 1-8, 18-22, and 38 |
| Y | Database MEDLINE, Accession No. 97290787, TAKAI al. Production of bioactive salmon calcitonin from the nonendocrine cell lines COS-7 and CHO. Peptides (1918, no. 3, pages 439-444, abstract only. | | 1-8, 18-22, 38 |
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| Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet) |
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| This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons: |
| 1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely: |
| 2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically: |
| 3. X Claims Nos.: 9-17, 23-37, 39-41 because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a). |
| Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet) |
| This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows: |
| Please See Extra Sheet. |
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| 1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims. |
| 2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee. |
| 3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.: |
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| 4. X No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-8, 18-22, 38 |
| Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. |
| No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees. |

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack Unity of Invention because they are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for more than one species to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid. The species are as follows:

calcitonin, growth hormone releasing factor, IL-2, Il-2 fusion protein, IGF-1, interferon beta, and parathyroid hormone.

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Claims 1-6, 8, 18-22, and 38 are generic to all species. Claim 7 is generic to the species IL-2.

The species listed above do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The technical feature which links the species is that they are members of the genus of therapeutic proteins. Claim 1 is drawn broadly to an albumin fusion protein comprising therapeutic protein X. This invention does not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, it lacks a special technical feature because it fails to make a contribution over the prior art. For example, WO 93/15199 discloses therapeutic proteins, such as interleukins and interferons, fused to the albumin of SEQ ID NO:18 of the instant application. Because the invention as a whole fails to make a contribution over the prior art, the technical feature linking the claimed species cannot be a special technical feature under PCT Rule 13.2.